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THE FOLLOWING IS SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION WHICH HAS LED TO THE CURRENT LAUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY. I HAVE SUMMARIZED IT HERE AND WILL SEND MORE BACKUP INFO IN THE POUCH.

28 DECEMBER 1961. UNGA RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE MEMBER STATES TO REGISTER SPACE LAUNCHINGS AT THE UN. THIS CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF A SPEECH BY THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UN.

JANUARY 1962. MUCH DISCUSSION BETWEEN STATE, CIA, DEFENSE, DNRO CONCERNING WHETHER NRO LAUNCHES SHOULD BE REGISTERED AND IF SO, WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE

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22 JANUARY 1962. GEN TAYLOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE APPROVED THE STATE PROPOSED FORMAT AND PROCEDURE FOR UN REGISTRATION. THE ITEMS IDENTIFIED FOR RELEASE INCLUDED: (1) INTERNATIONAL DESIGNATION OF OBJECT, (2) LAUNCH VEHICLE, (3) PURPOSE OF THE SATELLITE OF (A) DEVELOPMENT OF SPACE FLIGHT TECHNIQUES, (B) SPACE RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION, (C) DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF SPACE-BASED TECHNOLOGY, (D) NON-FUNCTIONAL OBJECT, (4) DATE OF LAUNCH, (5) BASIC ORBITAL PARAMETERS, INCLUDING NODAL PERIOD, INCLINATION, APOGEE AND PERIGEE.

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5 MARCH 1962. U.S. SUBMITTED FIRST SPACE OBJECT REGISTRATION LIST TO UN SHOWING ALL OBJECTS IN ORBIT AS OF 15 FEB 62.

12 APRIL 1962. THE SPECIAL GROUP ADDRESSED THE UN REGISTRY QUESTION DIRECTED THAT NO CHANGE IN THE PRESENT U.S. PRACTICE OF REGISTERING THOSE SATELLITES

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WHICH ARE IN SUSTAINED ORBIT OR SPACE TRANSIT ON THE DATES OF THE SEMI-MONTHLY REGISTRY REPORTS.
2 NOVEMBER 1962. OSD/PA GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY SPACE

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LAUNCHES AND PROGRAMS. THE CASES COVERED BY ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDE (A) RELEASE AFTER LAUNCH - SATELLITE OR PROBE, BOOSTER, DATE, MILITARY DEPT, LAUNCH SITE, (B) IN CASE OF PAD EXPLOSION, (C) IN CASE OF INFLIGHT EXPLOSION WITHIN SIGHT OF GROUND OBSERVERS, (D) IN CASE OF COMMAND DESTRUCTION WITHIN SIGHT OF GROUND OBSERVERS.

INCIDENTALLY, THE [redacted]ES NOT APPEAR IN THE REPORTS GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THE UN REGISTRATION DATA. A SECOND TIER OF PROTECTION IS PROVIDED BY CLASSIFYING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN [redacted] AND THE LAUNCH DATE, PROGRAM DESIGNATOR, ETC.

I HOPE THIS WILL BE OF SOME USE TO YOU FOR YOUR REPORT. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU NEED. E-2 IMPDET.
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